is to be initiated by the owners/lessees and not by the Government.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

World Bank Schemes for Investing in Women Development and Welfare

1541. SMT. VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank had come up with schemes to invest with emphasis in women development and welfare on the eve of Beijing International Women Conference; and

(b) if so, the details of such schemes, indicating the specific gender issues aimed at and the extent of investment in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Target for Doordarshan and Air Network Coverage

1542. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the Doordarshan and AIR network coverage for the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the State-wise achievement made in this regard so far; and

(c) the details of expansion of Doordarshan and AIR network planned for Orissa and Bihar during the remaining period of the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) All India Radio proposes to cover 91.5% by area and 98% by population of the country whereas Doordarshan has targetted to reach 83.2% by area and 92.8% by population by the end of the 8th Plan period.

(b) As given in Statement (*See* below);

(c) 4 schemes in Bihar and 7 schemes in Orissa of AIR are likely to be completed. 3 HPTs and 19 LPTs/VLPTs in Bihar and 3 HPTs, 37 LPTs/VLPTs and 2 Transposers in Orissa of Doordarshan are likely to be completed. The above projection is subject to availability of resources, requisite infrastructural facilities and inter-se priorities.

Statement

States/Union Territory	All India Radio		Doordarshan	
	Area %	Population %	Area %	Population %
1. *STATES*				
Andhra Pradesh	98	99	72.4	81.3
Arunachal Pradesh	98	99	11.0	44.4
Assam	86	85	74.0	82.0
Bihar	99*	99*	92.8	92.3
Goa	99*	99*	100.0	100.0
Gujarat	99*	99*	69.7	80.5
Haryana	99*	99*	96.6	98.5
Himachal Pradesh	50	88	39.0	64.5
Jammu & Kashmir	31 .5	97	32.3	91.7
Karnataka	94	95	60.4	69.1
Kerala	94	96	84.0	86.3
Madhya Pradesh	95	97	65.7	70.9
Maharashtra	98	99	72.4	84.1
Manipur	99*	99*	31.3	66.4

States/Union Territory	All India Radio		Doordarshan	
	Area %	Population %	Area %	Population %
Meghalaya	96	96	94.6	97.2
Mizoram	92	95	67.0	72.3
Nagaland	95	96	43.4	47.2
Orissa	97	98	78.2	81.8
Punjab	99*	99*	100.0	100.0
Rajasthan	92.5	98.5	41.8	63.7
Sikkim	44	74	77.4	95.0
Tamil Nadu	99	99	91.2	91.3
Tripura	99*	99*	93.3	93.3
Uttar Pradesh	89	97.5	79.1	92.4
West Bengal	99*	99*	95.4	96.0
II. *UNION TERRITORIES*				
A & N Islands	80	85	23.0	99.0
Chandigarh	99*	99*	100.0	100.0
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	99*	99*	40.0	43.6
Daman & Diu	99*	99*	100.0	100.0
Delhi	99*	99*	100.0	100.0
Lakshadweep Islands	99*	99*	99.0	99.0
Pondicherry	99*	99*	100.0	100.0
NATIONAL COVERAGE	89.9	97.2	68.4	85.4

AIR—* Coverage in these States can normally be taken as 100% i.e. without taking into consideration the special requirement of certain situations.

DDn—(i) Coverage figures are inclusive of fringe areas (elevated antennae and boosters are required for satisfactory reception in fringe areas).

DDn—(ii) Terrain conditions not taken into consideration.

Value of US Dollars purchased by Reserve Bank of India

1543. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of US dollars purchased by the Reserve Bank of India or other authorised agencies of Government in the post budget period;

(b) whether any such purchases were made as a result of weakening of US dollar in the international market; and

(c) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India purchases US dollars from the market when offered for sale by the Authorised Dealers in foreign exchange in India. Such purchases, however, are a result of the overall position in the Indian foreign exchange market and they do not reflect the exchange rate position of the US dollar in the international market. In the post budget period the foreign exchange reserves of the country comprising foreign currency assets of the RBI, gold held by the RBI and SDRs, declined by US $ 2,768 million from a level of US $ 24,550 million as on March 16, 1995 to a level of US $ 21,782 million by the end of November, 1995.